(c) and (d) Under the present policy, FDI upto 100% is permitted on the automatic route in most of the manufacturing sectors. Some of the initiatives for increasing investment in the manufacturing sector *inter-alia* include, Industrial Infrastructure Up-gradation Scheme and Growth Centre Scheme. Also, proposals for setting up of Petroleum, Chemicals, Petrochemicals Investment Regions (PCPIR) and Manufacturing Investment Regions (MIR) are at conceptual stage.

Unemployment allowance to engineering graduates

*146. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Technical Manpower Information System has made any survey in the recent past to know the unemployment rate of engineering graduates in the country.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to provide them employment; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to provide them with unemployment allowance?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the National Technical Manpower Information System, an assessment of the job market of engineering graduates is done through annual follow-up survey of graduates passing out from the engineering educational Institutions. The state-wise projection of unemployment of engineering graduates for the year 2005 for selected States is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) With the economy expected to grow at around 8% per annum and the Government emphasis on development of Infrastructure, better health services, emphasis to IT and communucation sectors etc., substantial employment opportunities for engineers are likely to be created in the economy.

(d) The Central Government do not have any proposal to provide unemployment allowance.

Statement

Projected size of unemployed engineering graduates at the end of 2005.

States	Projected Unemployment#
Andhra Pradesh	18928
Arunachal Pradesh	38
Assam	884
Bihar & Jharkhand	NA
Chandigarh	304
Delhi	371
Goa, Daman & Diu*	NA
Gujarat	4160
Haryana	1029
Himachal Pradesh	527
Jammu & Kashmir	234
Karnataka	12146
Kerala	1129
Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh	4780
Maharashtra	NA
Orissa	7677
Punjab	3008
Rajasthan	2291
Tamilnadu	52051
Tripura	47
West Bengal	1854
Uttar Pradesh & Uttaranchal	NA

Source: National Technical Manpower Information System maintained by Institute of Applied Manpower Research, New Delhi.

Note:

#:Based on the Graduate follow-up survey of the pass outs of the year 2001 (The survey was carried out in 2003-2004)

NA:— Data Not Available.

*:Based on latest available data.